

September 27, 2018

Dear Members and Friends of St. Joseph Church,

As we face the autumn season, it is important to stop and give thanks for the rich variety of blessings God provides in our lives. The more we recognize God's loving presence in our experiences and activities the more we authentically celebrate the Eucharist and live as a Christian community. I am convinced that God gives us our abilities, our resources and life itself so that we can gratefully share whom we are and what we have with praise and thanksgiving. Each of us is called to intentionally, thoughtfully, and proportionately share something of our time, talent, and treasure with our Church and with charities. This prayerfully planned sharing of ourselves is one of the ways we live the Eucharist in our daily lives.

For a gentle reminder to see just how much you are already living as good stewards of God's gifts, take the time to do this little exercise. Look at your checkbook and your calendar for the last month. Calculate how you have spent your time and money over the last 30 days. Describe how you have used your abilities for the sake of people beyond your immediate family. I am confident that some meaningful percentage of your resources has been spent out of gratitude to our Loving God. Our faith community is as vibrant and alive as each of us is willing to share of ourselves.

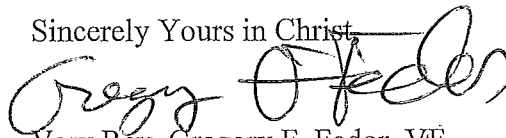
Here are some of the highlights for the month of October:

- 4: Prayer Chain Dinner at 6:00pm.
Choir practice at 6:30pm.
- 6: The Annual Blessing of Pets in Honor of St. Francis at Noon.
- 14: NO CCD!
Parish Life Committee meeting at 10:30am.
- 16: The Finance Committee meeting is at 6:30 pm in the Rectory.
- 20: The Annual Octoberfest will be held at 5:30 pm.
More information will follow in the bulletin.
- 20-21: The St. Vincent de Paul Food Truck will be in the parking lot for donations brought to Church.
- 21: The Growing Families Program will begin following the 9:30 am Mass.
- 25: Parish Planning Meeting in the Blue Room at 6:30pm.
- 28: The CCD All Saints Parade.

November 1: All Saints Mass at St. Joseph at 9:00am. Mass at IHM at 6:00pm.

- **2:** All Souls Mass at St. Joseph at 9:00am. Mass at IHM at 6:00pm.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Very Rev. Gregory F. Fedor, VF
Pastor